

Abstract

A dried, ready-to-eat cereal product comprising a gelatinized starch matrix which includes a coating or filling which contains a probiotic micro-organism. The cereal product <sup>is</sup> *pet food* may be in the form of a pet food, a breakfast cereal, an infant cereal or a convenience food. The cereal product may be produced by cooking a starch source to form a gelatinized starch matrix; forming the gelatinized matrix into pieces; drying the pieces; and coating or filling the pieces with a carrier which contains probiotic micro-organisms.

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